purpose would be served by placing the records on the Table.

Grant to the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room.

164. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has the Diwan suspended the annual grant which was being paid to the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room since 1870;

(2) if so, what were the reasons for suspending it;

(3) was not the grant once sanctioned by His Highness the Maharaja in 1870 when the Library was started;

(4) were there any conditions imposed when the grant was sanctioned other than those implied in the Rules of the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room; if so, what were they;

(5) what was the nature of the grant then;

(6) were any conditions imposed in 1896 when this grant was converted into an annual grant; if so, what are they;

(7) has the Managing Committee failed to fulfil any of those conditions;

(8) (i) was there any inspection of this institution by the Government or its deputy till 1926; (ii) what was the special reason or necessity for insisting on it in 1929, and under what authority?

(9) are the conditions of the grant to the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room the same as those under the Grant-in-aid Rules;

(10) what is the amount of the grant to the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room;

(11) what is the maximum amount ordinarily allowable under the Grant-in-aid Rules;

(12) is not the grant to the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room to meet the full cost of books and non-Indian periodicals purchased during the year and that under the Grant-in-aid Rules, to meet half the cost of books and periodicals, whether Indian or non-Indian;

(13) was the suspension of the grant made by the Diwan with the sanction of His Highness the Maharaja; does it not require such sanction?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Yes; but the grant for 1105 has since been allowed.

(2) Because the Managing Committee of the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room did not permit the Senior Inspector of Schools to inspect its accounts, registers, etc.

(3) Yes.

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(4) The conditions imposed at the time could be found from the then Diwan's letter appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*) Government have not looked into whether these conditions are more or less the same as those implied in the Library Rules.

(5) Vide appendix referred to in answer to part (4).

(6) Vide the then Educational Secretary's letter appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(7) No.

(8) (i) No.

(ii) The Library began to be inspected in 1927, and that was in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4 of the Rules governing grant-in-aid to the Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State. According to these, it is open to the Director or his deputy to inspect any Library or Reading Room at such times as he may appoint.

(9) The original conditions are not exactly the same; but with the advent of later rules such, of the original conditions as are repugnant to the rules issued later must be considered to have been invalidated.

(10) Rs. 600.

(11) No maximum amount is fixed in the rules.

(12) Yes.

(13) The suspension was made in conformity with the rules and procedure on the subject laid down by the Government.

165. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the Diwan's letter, dated 11th January 1870, No. 25, to the then President of the Library Committee, and that of the Educational Secretary, dated 22nd October 1896, No. 1456, to the Honorary Secretary, referring to the grant together with the file referring to this suspension?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answers to parts 4 and 6 of question No. 164. No public interests will be served by placing the file connected with the suspension of grant on the Table.

Re-survey of the estate boundaries.

166. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether it is a fact that the Companies and individuals owning certain estates in this State have been called upon to pay for the re-survey of estate boundaries;

2. whether protests were made by the estate-owners against the proposed levy; if so, what action was taken thereon;

3. when was the original survey taken up and completed, and who met the costs of such survey;

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APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 157*).

Statement showing the amount spent by the Government on Irrigation works in the last 3 years.

Year	P. W. Department				Panchayat			
	Amount spent			Percentage of the budget allotments spent	Amount spent			Percentage of the budget allotments spent
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	
1102	1,47,758	14	11	100	11,763	0	0	66
1103	1,03,454	8	8	85	17,747	0	0	91·3
1104	92,384	4	6	47	36,078	0	0	109

APPENDIX III.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 164*).

Letter No. 25/1870, dated 11th January 1870, from Diwan to A. F. Sealy Esquire, President of the Ernakulam Public Library Committee.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 22nd ultimo and to inform you that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to grant a donation of Rs. 1,267 equal to the amount raised by private contributors, to the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room and a monthly subscription equal to the monthly amount raised by private contributors but not exceeding Rs. 50 per mensem.

APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 164*).

Letter No. 1456/1896, dated 22nd October 1896, from the Educational Secretary.

In reply to your letters Nos. 22 of the 15th and 24 of the 22nd July 1896, I have the honour to inform you that a grant of Rs. 600 per annum has been sanctioned to the Ernakulam Public Library and Reading Room from the 1st Chingam 1072 provided that the cost of books and non-Indian periodicals purchased during the year amounts to that sum, that the books, etc., are considered by the Government to be of permanent literary, scientific, or artistic value, and that the Public continue to enjoy the use of the Library and Reading Room as at present.

If the cost of the books and non-Indian periodicals purchased falls below Rs. 600, only an equal sum will be paid.

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